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In re Application of	:	
TAKAHASHI, et al.	:	
Application No.: 09/703,987	:	DECISION ON PETITION
PCT No.: PCT/JP99/05974	:	
Int. Filing Date: 28 October 1999	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.181
Priority Date: 18 March 1999	:	
Attorney Docket No.: F-6666	:	
For: CROSSLINKED ACRYLIC MOISTURE	:	
ABSORBING FIBERS AND	:	
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF	:	

This decision is in response to applicant's "Petition Under C.F.R. 1.181 That This Application be Treated as U.S. National Stage of a PCT Application" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 23 April 2002.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 01 November 2000, applicant filed the above referenced application. The application was processed as an application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

On 23 April 2002, applicant filed the present petition.

### **DISCUSSION**

An examination of the papers filed 01 November 2000 finds that applicant filed the papers to the attention of "Box PCT" and indicated that, "THIS IS A NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT/JP99/05974 FILED October 28, 1999." In addition, the enclosed combined declaration and power of attorney lists PCT international application PCT/JP99/05974. As such it is clear that applicant provided sufficient information at the time of filing to indicate that the present application was intended to be a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371. Therefore it is proper to grant applicant's petition at this time. Further, a review of the application file reveals that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 for entry into the national stage in the United States have been satisfied.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of **28 October 1999** under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **01 November 2000** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for treatment in accordance with this decision.



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